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Of the apprehending of the

ARCH-JESUITE

BLUNDEL,

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As Mr. Oates *hath depoſed, uſed before the Plot was diſcovered under the pretence of Charity to viſit the condemned Malefactors at* Newgate, *being titular Ordinary of that Goal, endeavouring to pervert them to the Romiſh Superſtition; as alſo the Contents of a Letter found in his Pocket, with remarks thereupon.*

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BLUNDEL the *Jeſuit*, above-mentioned, lay at a Carpenter's Houſe in *Lambert*-Marſh, in a mean Habit, and demeaned himſelf like a very ordinary Perſon; but notwithſtanding the Diſguize of his Habit, and his Diſſimulation and

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Deportment, the Maid-Servant of the Houſe entertained ſome ſlight ſuſpicion of him, partly got by her obſervation of his extream reſervedneſs, and partly by going out in the Morning, and coming home in the Evening at a certain Hour; She thereupon acquainted one of the Yeomen of the Guard with her ſuſpicious thoughts of him; which Yeoman immediately went to a Juſtice of the Peace who granted his Warrant for the apprehending him.

The next Morning very early the Yeoman, with the Conſtable, ſurpriſed him in his Chamber, he being dreſt ready to go out according to his accuſtomed manner: he asked them, who they would ſpeak with? they anſwered, with him, for they had a Warrant to apprehend him. Upon this he immediately tore a Paper which he had in his Hand; the pieces, the Conſtable, as carefully as he could, gathered them up, which, being put together by the Juſtice, related ſomething to the Colledge of St. *Omers*, being Accounts of that nature; upon that the Juſtice charged him to be a *Jeſuite*, which he denyed with many Aſſeverations and Imprecations, proffering to take any Oaths or Teſt which ſhould be tendered him; upon which *Mr. Oates* was ſent for to ſee if he knew him; as ſoon as *Mr. Oates* ſaw him, he ſaid, *Mr. Blundell, I am glad to ſee you: Mr. Blundell* replyed, *My Name is not* Blundell, *neither do I know you*; and urged that it was very improbable that he being ſo poor a man as he was ſhould be that *Blundell* ſo much talked of for a *Jeſuit*, they being generally very well monied; and with many ſolemn Oaths affirmed he was ready to ſtarve, and had not a Shilling in the World: *Mr. Oates* anſwered, That he wonder'd at his Confidence to urge

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ſuch things with ſuch ſolemn Proteſtations, for he knew that to be moſt notoriouſly falſe; ſaying, That he knew him as well or better than any man in the World, having more frequently converſed with him than with any other man; and that he had layn oftner with him than uſually with any other perſon; and to detect his Falſhood, deſired that he might be immediately ſearch'd; and in ſearching him they found a Letter in his Pocket directed to S. *Omers*, wherein he gave the Society a very partial Account of the Tryal of the five Prieſts; telling them, *They would have had more equal dealing amongſt the* Turks; and related how bravely they acquitted themſelves, and how faithfully they continued to the laſt, not confeſſing or diſcovering any thing; and that he queſtioned not but that their laſt words would take very much Impreſſion upon the minds of the Vulgar, and might conduce to the proſperity of their Cauſe, which he did not at all queſtion of the ſucceſs thereof, deſiring their Prayers for it, that Chriſt's Kingdom may be enlarged; ſaying, *They dyed couragiouſly, like Glorious Martyrs, and like Heroes*; he alſo gloried that he was at their Tryal, and afterwards viſited them in *Newgate*, to confirm them that he had the honour of abſolving them; this Letter he denyed that it appertained to him, ſaying, It was a Trick put upon him; but Mr. *Oates* knew it to be his own hand-writing: After a long ſearch they found in his waſte pocket in his Breeches behind, 60 pieces of Gold. Agreeing with what Mr. *Oates* ſaid, when he urged the ſearching of him; *viz.* That to his knowledge he was ſo indulgent to himſelf, that he never went without a conſiderable value about him to prevent accidental neceſſities: Upon thoſe ſo continuing diſcourſes, he ſeemed to be abaſed, and ſpeaking low, requeſted Mr. *Oates* to be kind

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to him: Mr. *Oates* told him, *he would be as kind to him as should consist with his Integrity to his King and Country.* Whereupon the Justice being fully satisfied, he committed him to the County Goale, (The *Marshalsea*) where he now lies in order to his Tryal, when he shall be called thereto.

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